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Thank you for purchasing VANDAL-HEARTS™, an exciting new game that combines the action of an arcade game, the rich, deep storyline of a role-playing game, and the strategy of a combat simulation. All this wrapped into the rich sound an great graphics you've come to expect from KONAMI!

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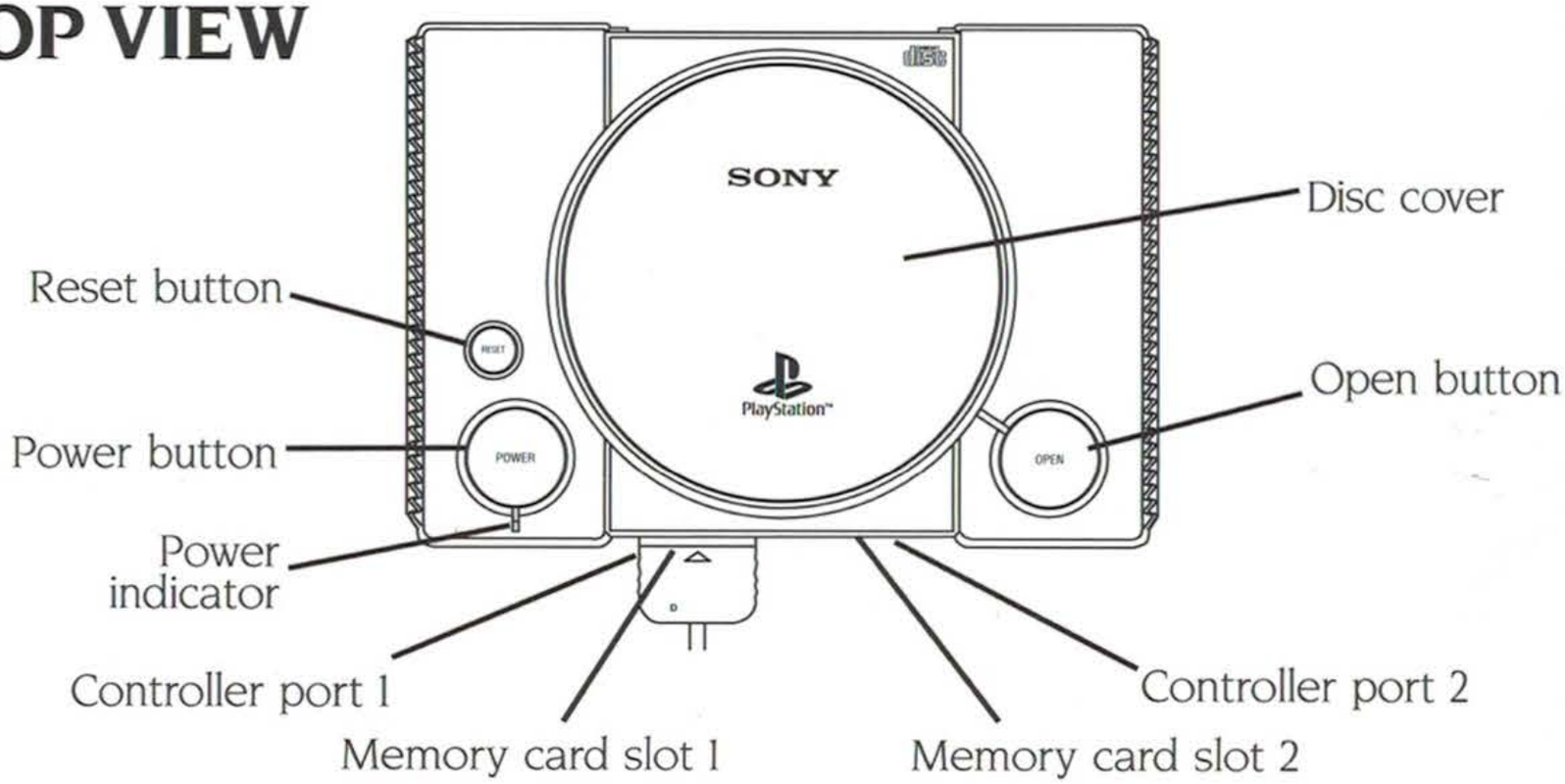
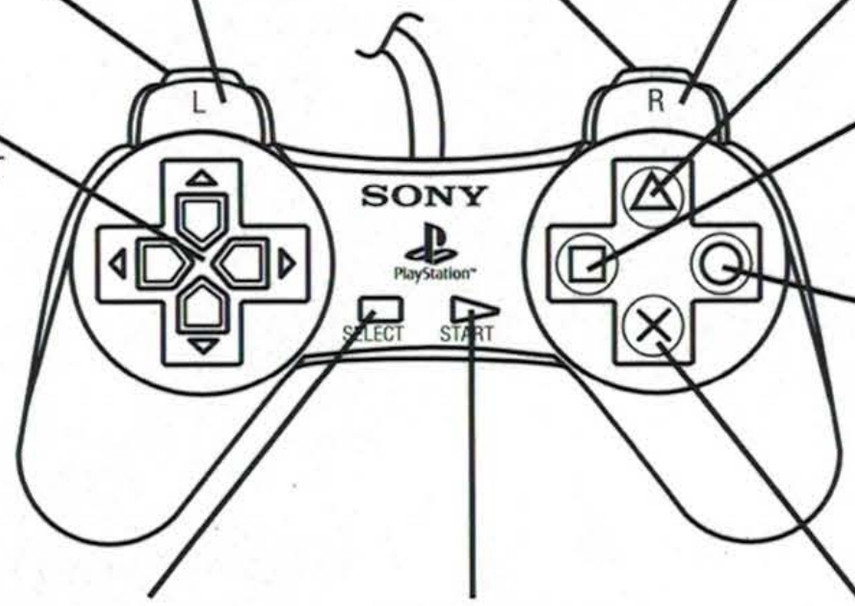
TOP VIEW



Using the Controller



L2 Button: Tilt camera down

L1 Button: Rotate view left

R2 Button: Tilt camera up

R1 Button: Rotate view right

△ Button: View strategic overhead map on Battle Map screens

Directional Buttons: Move cursor

□ Button: Select next character on Battle Map screens

○ Button: ACTION–use to open command windows and execute a command

SELECT Button: Not used

START Button: Not used

⊠ Button: CANCEL–use to go back to previous command windows or cancel a selection.

Prologue

Sostegaria...

For over a millennium the fertile lands in the heart of this vast continent were ruled by the Holy Ashah Dynasty, descendants of Toroah the Messiah.

However, it is man's doom to forget... Amidst all the wealth and exotic pleasures, the nobility lost their way and sank into corruption and depravity, forgetting even the holy teaching of Toroah.

It was in these days of unrest that the citizens, struggling under an oppressive regime, rose up and–under the leadership of Arris the Sage–took up arms against the Kingdom. That was the first outbreak of violence in what would later be known simply as "The Revolution." The Royal Army's counterattack was swift and fierce, but time and again they were put to flight by the cunning strategies or Arris and the indomitable will of the advancing Liberation Army.

Victory in hand, the rebels set up a Council and worked to establish the continent's first democracy. And so, the republic of "Ishtaria" was born.

However, Arris the Sage, whom all hoped would lead the country, mysteriously vanished and has not been seen again to this day.

Now, 15 years later, the shadow of war once again threatens Ishtaria...

Outskirts of Ishtaria

Thus, the Flame of Judgment, with its fierce force, burns the capital of Braph as if it is trying to wipe out every human, beast and bird.

And yet Toroah was blessed in front of God. The Legend of Toroah is this:

Toroah is the person who will lead the way for the chosen people of this world.

200 days after the deadly disaster, the Ark of Toroah finally arrived at a green land of purity. Toroah–the chosen one–blessed his descendants before his death and said:

"Establish this place as a holy land and teach all to follow the holy commandments, and all people under the sky shall remain in peace forever."

This is where the name Ishtaria–ceded land–originates.

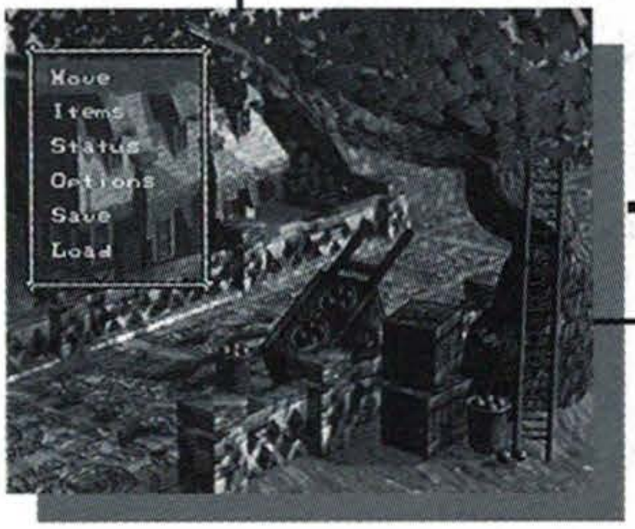
From chapter 24 of "Genesis of Sostegaria"

The Flow of the Game

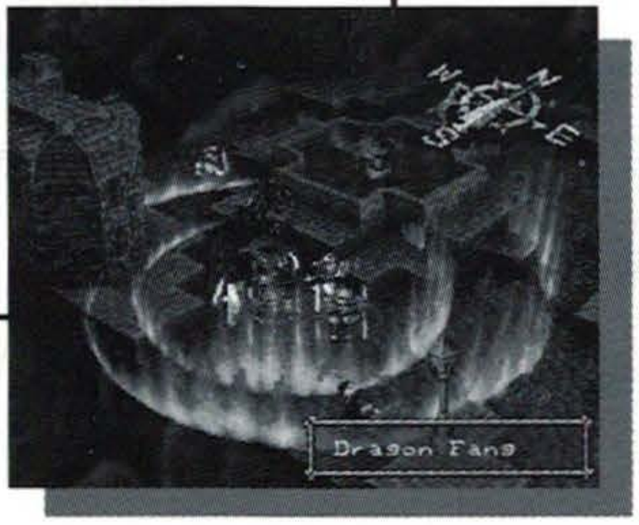
Vandal-Hearts consists of three types of navigation screens; World Map, Village/Town, and Battle Map.

World Map

Village/Town



Battle Map



World Map

This map shows you an enlarged area of Sostegaria in which Ash and his companions are traveling. If you select the Move command, you will be able to go to a Village/Town or Battle map.

Village/Town Map

You can visit facilities like shops and taverns by visiting villages and towns throughout Sostegaria. Sometimes there will be other interesting places to visit, as well.

Shops–Buy and sell armor, weapons and other items.

Taverns–Talk to the locals to get information about current events in the area.

Dojos–Seek out the wise teachers in these training facilities to experience personal and spiritual growth. When your characters reach the 10th and 20th levels (based on experience points earned) they can advance to new classifications. (See page 11 for more details about the classes.)

Battle Map

If you move around on the World Map, or an event takes place when you are in a Village or Town, the screen will switch to a Battle Map. (See page 13 for Battle explanation.)

Beginning the game

After starting up Vandal Hearts, you will see the Title screen and three choices: **New Game**, **Load Game**, or **Options**. Your first time out you will obviously want to select New Game (or Options), but after that you may wish to restore a previously saved adventure. (We strongly recommend that you save your games frequently!)

When you start a **New Game**, you will see an informative introductory story, then you will be thrown into the action!

If you select **Load Game**, you will be able to highlight one saved game (you can save 1-3 games from the map screens), or one in-battle save.

Selecting **Options** will allow you to change the Text Speed (which controls how quickly text is written in message balloons), or Sound. Select either Stereo or Mono, depending on your system configuration.

Troop Attributes

Your troops (characters in the game) are categorized into seven groups based on their attributes. Within each category there are several classes. (See pages 24-25 for more information.)

KNIGHT–The major fighting unit; balanced offense & defense.
Classes: Soldier/Hero/Swordsman/Champion/Duelist/Paragon

ARMOR–Strong physical attack, but weak mobility.
Classes: Guardsman/Dragoon

ARCHER–With mighty bows, they attack from a distance.
Classes: Archer/Bowman/Sniper

AIRMAN–High mobility, able to jump past enemy units which block paths, and the ability to hover over water
Classes: Hawknight/Sky Lord

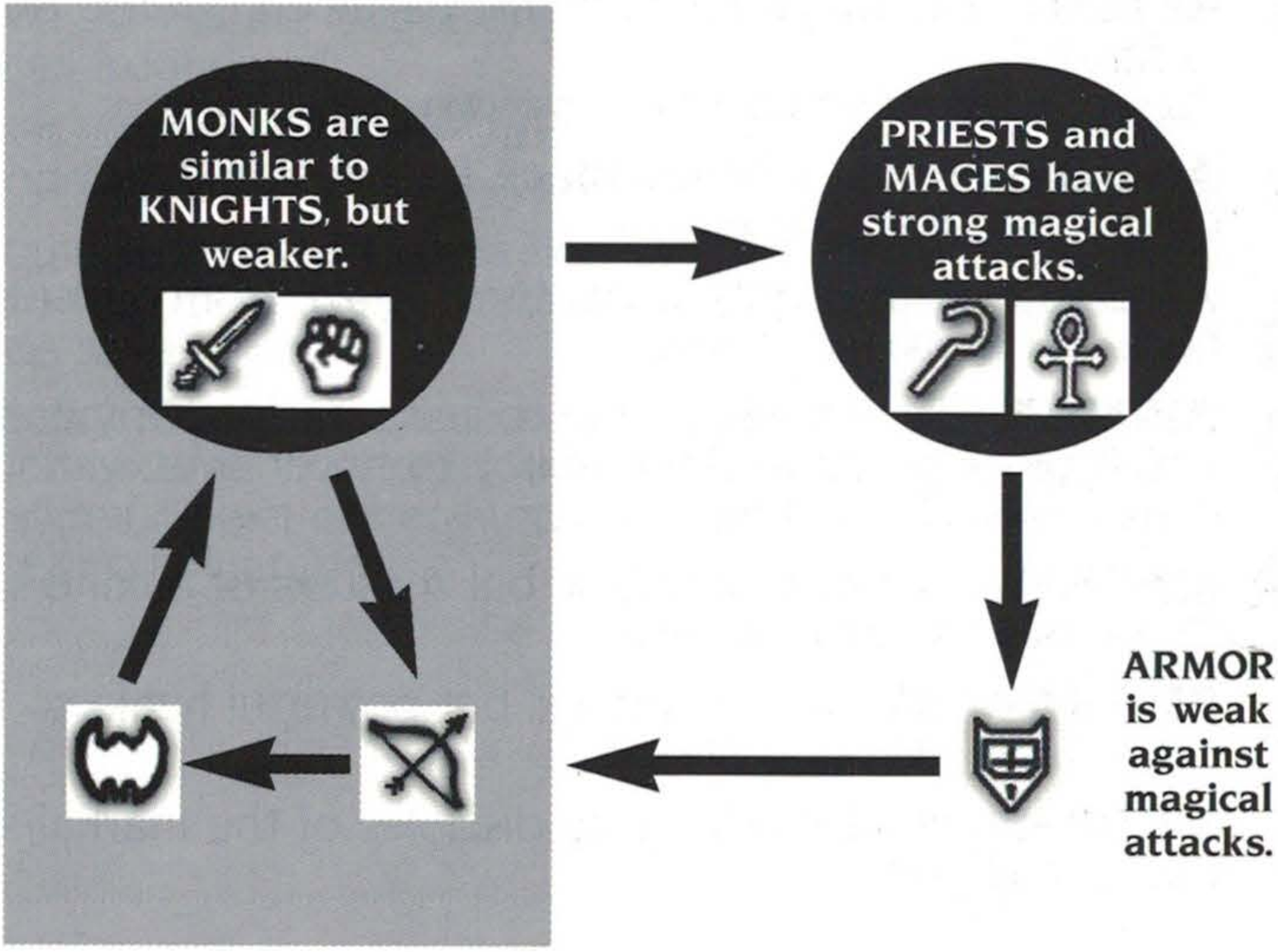
MAGE–Weak physical attack, but masters of arcane spells.
Classes: Mage/Sorcerer/Enchanter

PRIEST–Weak physical attack, but powerful healers.
Classes: Healer/Bishop/Archbishop

MONK–Spiritual, magic-using disciples of the martial arts.
Classes: Monk/Ninja

Attack Strength

The attack strength of each category is different. Keep this in mind when formulating your battle strategy. Also, check with one of the dojo's teachers to get more advice about battle strategy and troop advantages.


MONKS are similar to KNIGHTS, but weaker.
PRIESTS and MAGES have strong magical attacks.
ARMOR is weak against magical attacks.

Battle System

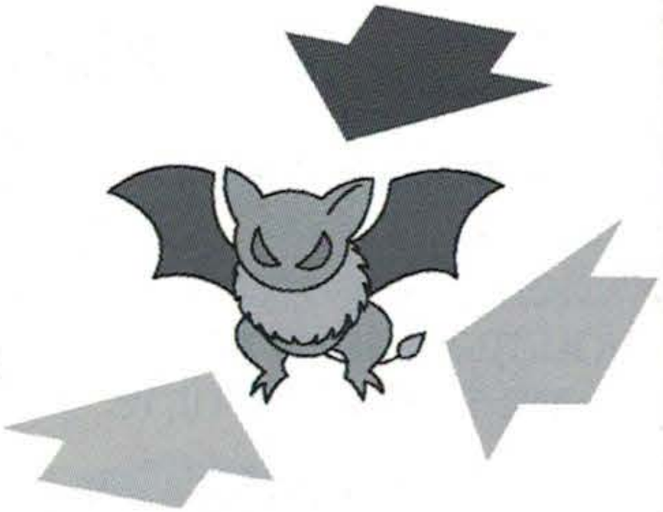
Your advancement through Vandal-Hearts will depend on your ability to wage war against your foes. Some victories will come when you have defeated numerous enemy forces. At other times you may have to defeat one foe, or accomplish a goal within a given period of time.

- Before each battle you will see the conditions for victory and defeat. The fight will then begin and go on until one of the conditions is met.

- If you are successful, you will see the battle results and awarded gold for each enemy defeated. Gold is subtracted for each member of your party that is defeated in battle.

- If you lose, you will have the option of starting over from the beginning of that battle, or from a saved game on your memory card.

Positioning for the Attack



Attacking an enemy from the right position is important to your success. A defender has more protection from the front, and is more vulnerable from the rear. The amount of damage inflicted, as measured in loss of hit points, is greatest when attacking from the back, strong from the side, and normal from the front.

Likewise, positioning yourself above an opponent gives you an advantage. Your attack will be stronger, and their defense will be weaker.

Bow attacks can be affected by elevation and obstacles. An archer can shoot farther from atop a hill than he/she can from a low vantage point. Also, some objects may create blind spots that an archer cannot reach. For example, if you are being attacked by archers atop a building, then standing against the wall of the building may create a blind spot where the enemy archer can't see you as a target.

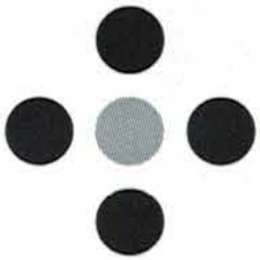
Supporting Tactics

Having your allies support you in battle increases your attack strength. The more support you have, the greater the damage you will do to an enemy troop.

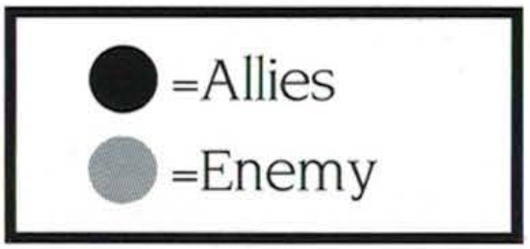
Support bonus = +1 (normal attack)

Support bonus = +2

Support bonus = +3



Support bonus = +4

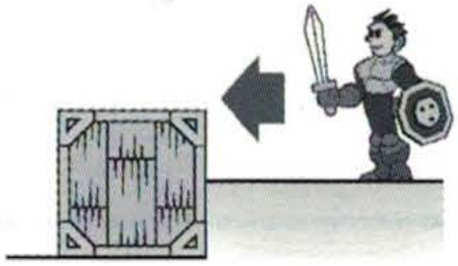


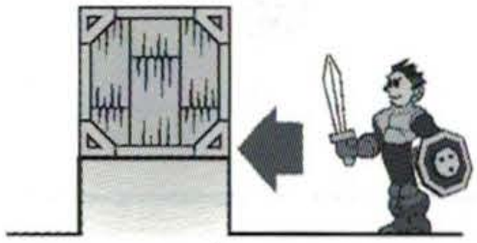
NOTE: In the game you will be able to distinguish between allies and enemy troops by the colored icons below each character. Your friendly troops have BLUE icons beneath them, and your enemies have RED icons.

Obstacles

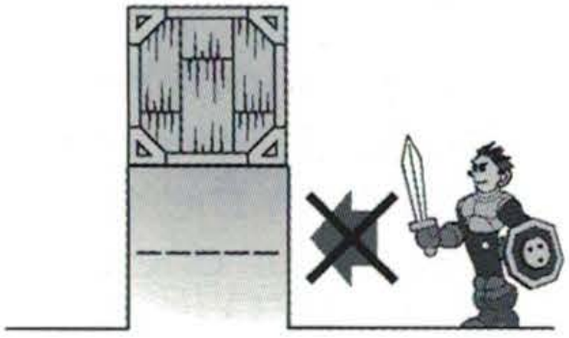
In some battle maps your party may find crates or boulders blocking their paths. These items can be manipulated by standing next to them and using the PUSH command.

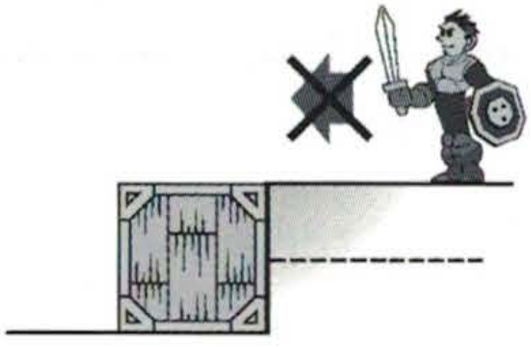
Crates

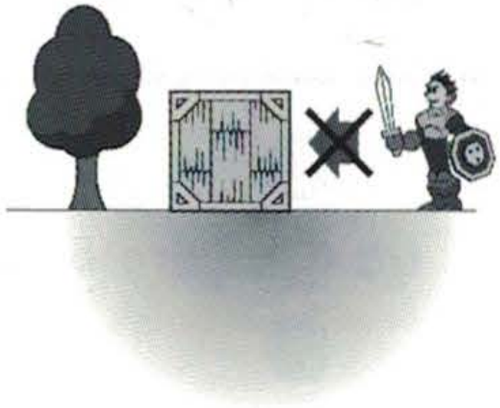




- Crates can be pushed along a flat surface, or down to a lower level.
- Crates can be pushed by a character who is one level higher or lower than the crate.
- A crate cannot be pushed by a character two or more levels above or below, nor can it be pushed into a stationary object such as a tree or wall.







• Crates are two levels high. Since most characters cannot climb more than two levels at a time, you can push a crate next to a wall that is three levels high and hop on the crate to get over the wall. You can also push a crate to an edge that is one level high, thus creating a three level high wall that will block off movement from the opposite side of the crate.

Boulders

Large round boulders can be PUSHed down hills, stairs, bridges, etc. If a boulder runs over an enemy, it will cause damage. Boulders will be destroyed if they hit a stationary object, such as a tree or wall.

Treasure Chests

ATTACK treasure chests to unlock their secrets. You must be standing next to a treasure chest, you cannot attack them from a distance with archers.

Buttons

Stand on a button and EXAMINE it to see what happens.

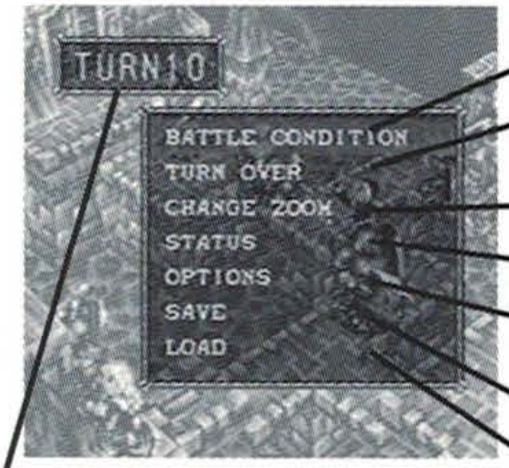
Healing Stations

Position a character on one of these magical spots to have Magic Points and Hit Points restored (a little at a time) at the end of the enemy's next turn.

Command Menus

The game is mostly menu driven, in that your actions are set up through command windows first, then the action is carried out on screen. There are menus for battle, movement, shopping and advancement, to name a few. Once you learn to move around in the menus, giving commands to your troops becomes easy.

Battle Map Command menu



- Check Battle conditions (see page 13)
- End your turn after you've made all of your moves.
- Change the camera zoom distance
- Check character's status, inventory and spells
- Change sound, text speed, and Fixed or Dynamic (moving) camera options
- Save a game or battle in progress
- Load a previously saved game

Number of battle turns. One turn is when you and the enemy have each completed your desired actions.

Movement in a menu is done by using the Directional buttons to highlight a menu choice, then pressing the ○ button to carry out the highlighted command. Pressing the ⊗ button cancels an action and takes you back to the previous menu or screen.

Battle Action menu

When your turn comes to fight, you will be able to select each character in your party–one at a time–and give them orders to carry out.

• First, highlight a character by moving the white cursor box over the square which that character occupies. (ALTERNATE METHOD: Press the □ button to select the next available character who has a move left.)

• Press the ○ button to select that character and bring up the Action menu. (If the character has already acted this turn, or is paralyzed, you will see a box in the lower right which gives status information, and the player's range of movement will appear in light blue on the battle map.)

• Select an action by highlighting it with the directional buttons. Carry out the action by pressing the ○ button, or cancel the action with the ⊠ button.

Actions:

❶ Move: To move your character to any unoccupied square in the blue field which appears on the map, highlight the open space and press the ○ button. To cancel, press the ⊠ button..

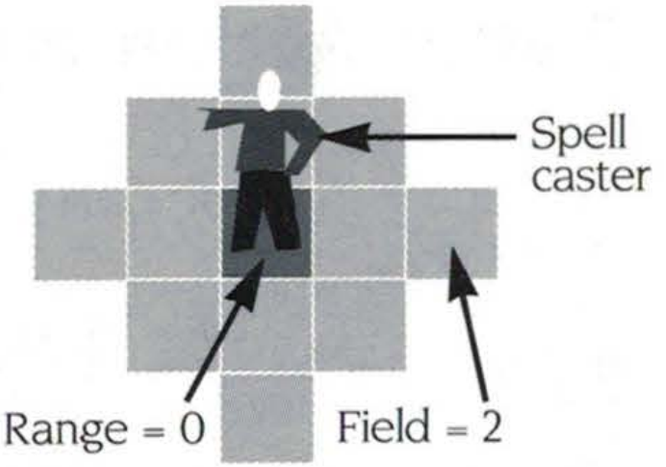
❷ Action: Select ATTACK, MAGIC, or ITEM (All options may not be available)

ATTACK: A red attack field will show the areas in which a character can attack. Highlight the appropriate area and press the ○ button.

Attacking ends that character's turn.

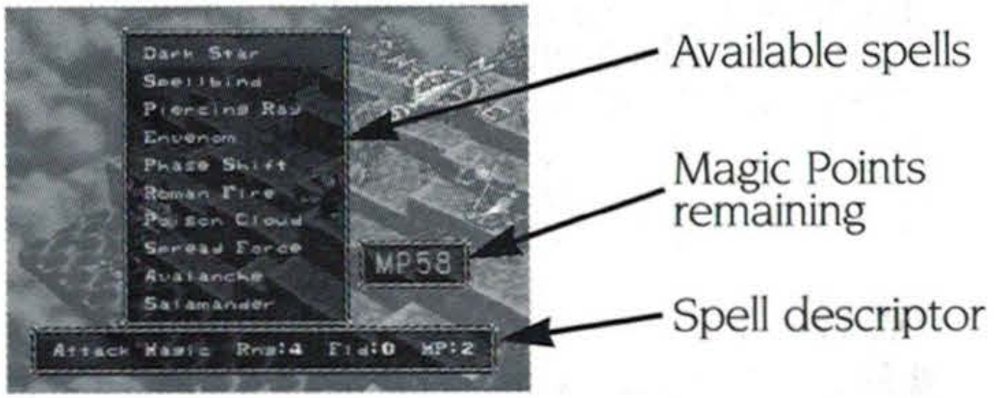
MAGIC: This brings up a menu of spells (for those with magic abilities). Highlight a spell and press the ○ button. The battle map appears with a red area showing the range in which you can cast the spell. The amount of area the spell covers–its field–is shown in yellow.

Example: If a spell has a range of 0, It can only be cast in the spell caster's square. If the field is 2, it has its effect on the square in which the spell is cast, and all areas within a two-square radius.



Below the list of available spells is a window which describes the nature of the spell, its range, field, and the number of magic points (MP) needed to cast the spell. To the right of the spell box is a window showing the number of MPs remaining for that character.

Casting a spell ends that character's turn.



ITEM: To use an item that a character is carrying, select ITEM, highlight the object, then press the ○ button. Some items have healing/curing effects, others cast spells or have other effects.

Using an item ends that character's turn.

❸ Done: Use this to end a character's turn without attacking, casting a spell, or using an item. When you select DONE, four arrows appear. These are directional arrows which indicate the direction your character will face. at the end of the turn. It is useful if you want to turn a character so he/she is back-to-back with another character, for example, so that neither is exposed to a rear attack. You can also back a character against a wall, or turn in the direction of enemy archers for better protection (unless the archers move!).

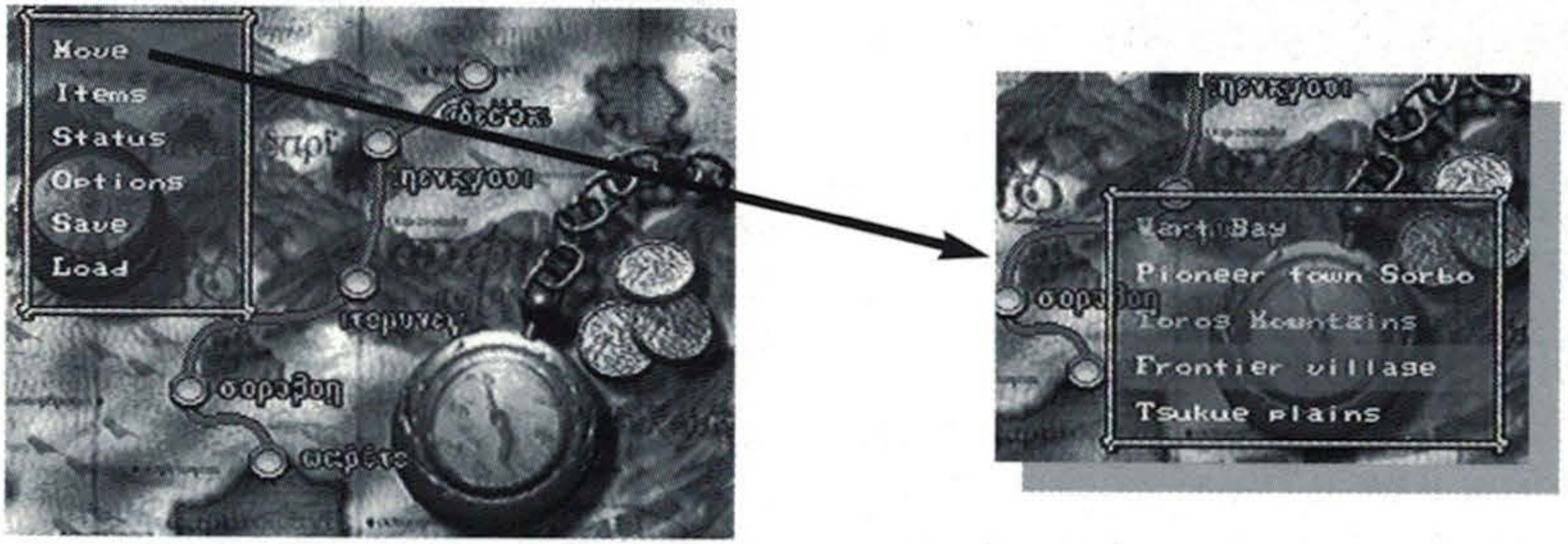
❹ Examine: Perform this action on raised switches to activate them. Also used when searching for special items.

❺ Push: Use this in conjunction with crates and boulders. (See *Obstacles*, page 16.)

NOTE: MOVE, EXAMINE and PUSH do not always end a character's turn. After using these commands, you are still allowed to MOVE, if you haven't used all of your movement. In other words, you can move to a crate, push it, move again, push it again, and so on until your allowed movement units are used up..

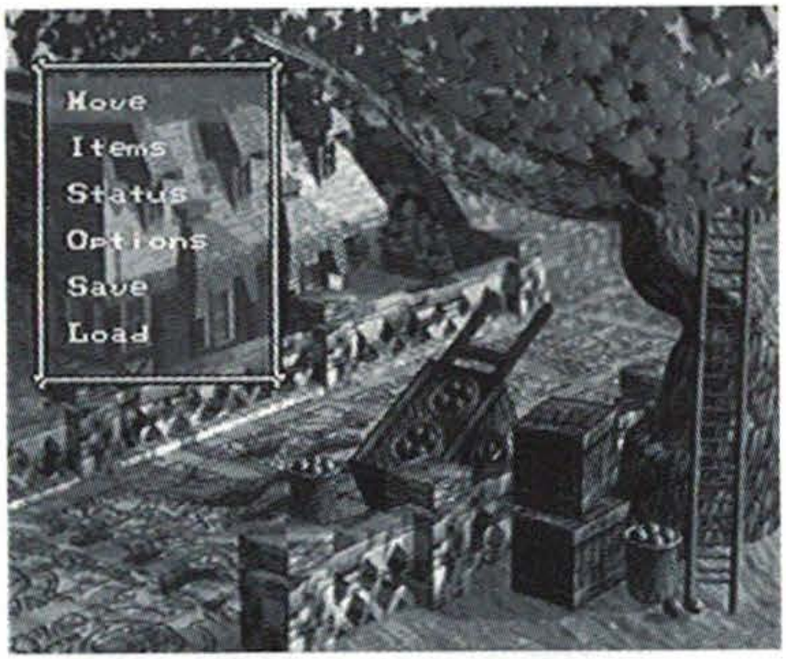
World Map Command Menu

You can move to different locations, save and load games, or transfer items between party members.



- Choosing MOVE brings up the menu of locations to which you can travel.
- ITEMS will let you examine each characters' inventory and transfer items around.
- Use STATUS to check character's attributes, status, spells and items being carried.
- OPTIONS lets you change Text Speed, Sound and Camera settings.
- SAVE and LOAD are used in conjunction with a memory card. You can save up to three games from command screens and one in-battle save.

Village/Town Command Menu



- Choosing MOVE brings up the menu of places in the town which you can visit. These usually include SHOP, TAVERN, DOJO and other sites.
- ITEMS will let you examine each characters' inventory and transfer items around.
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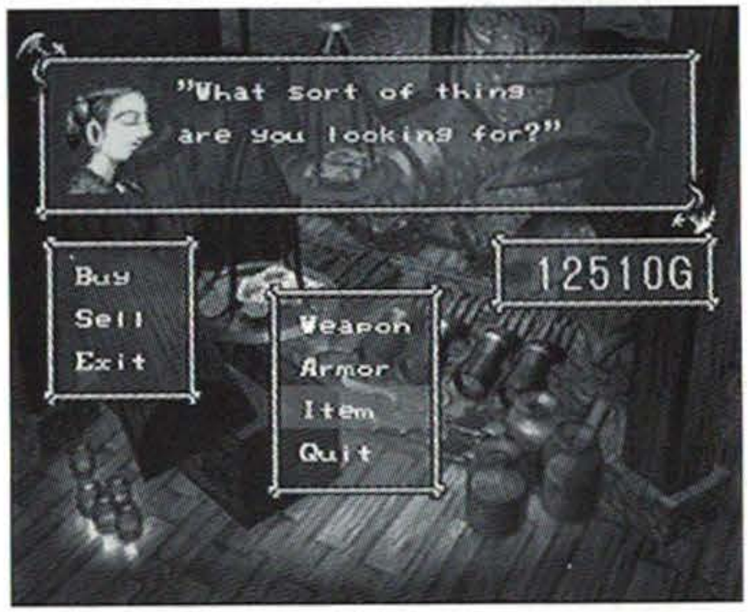
Shop menu

You can BUY weapons, armor, or items if you have enough gold.



- Highlight what you want to buy and select it. Then select a character in your party to use or carry the item.
- If it is a weapon or piece of armor, you can choose to equip the character with it at this time.
- If you notice, there is a picture of the character in the lower right corner of your screen. A box below the character will show

Example: If Ash is using an I(ron) SWORD and you try to buy a G(reat) SWORD, the small box below his picture should show +8, because a Great Sword is 8 attack points stronger than an Iron Sword. If you see a negative number, it means that the new item is weaker.

• Most shop keepers are helpful. They will let you know if a character has his/her hands full, and offer to put an item into your supply wagon (DEPOT). Also, if a character can't use an item, the shop keeper may tell you.

• Shop keepers will offer to buy old equipment from you. They pay about half of an items original cost, regardless of the condition of the item.

You can also SELL items to a shop. Highlight the item and select it to see if the shop keeper will offer to buy your wares.

Tavern menu

Talking to a Tavern owner and the patrons is a great way to learn what is happening in the town or village. You can also receive important clues about special items. Highlight a menu option and select it as you would any other menu item.

Note: When talking to other characters, press the ⊠ button to speed the flow of text and to advance to the next dialogue balloon.

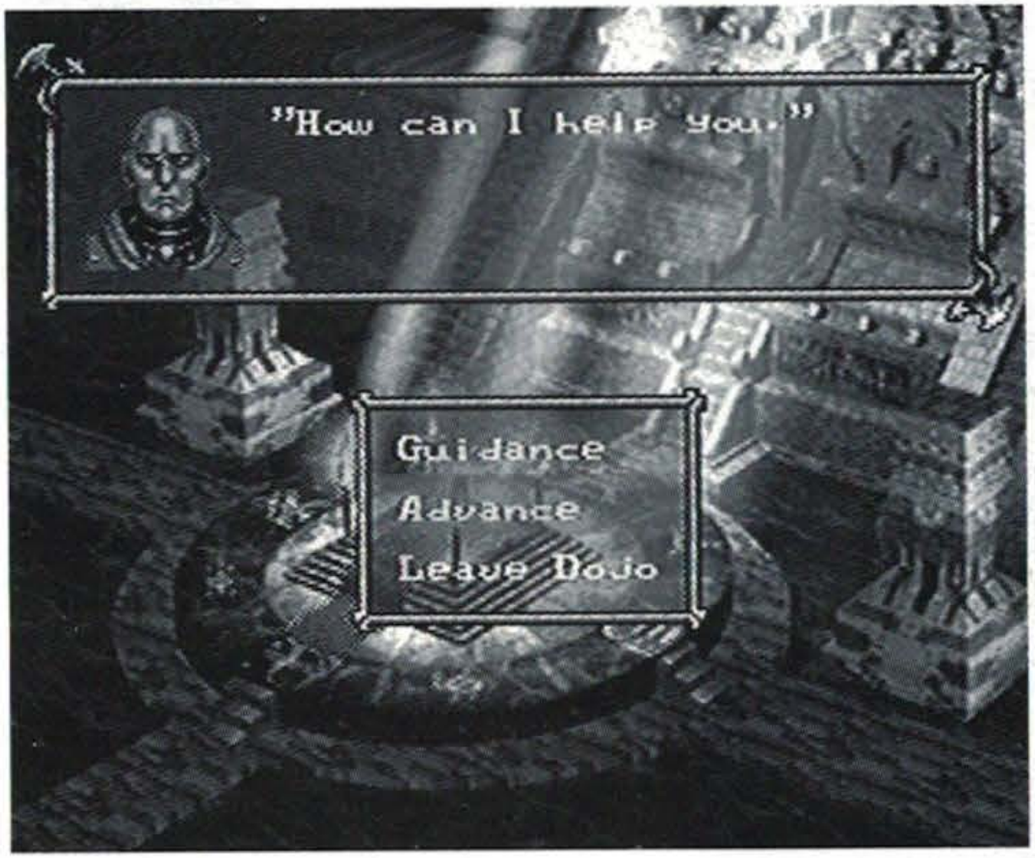
Dojo menu

The dojo serves as the major location for training and character development. The temple elders provide valuable insight and ancient wisdom.

Enter the dojo and select GUIDANCE, ADVANCEMENT or LEAVE DOJO.

Guidance: Let the priests tell you more about the lore and your objectives. Learn valuable information about the game, such as the 6 trials of Toroah.

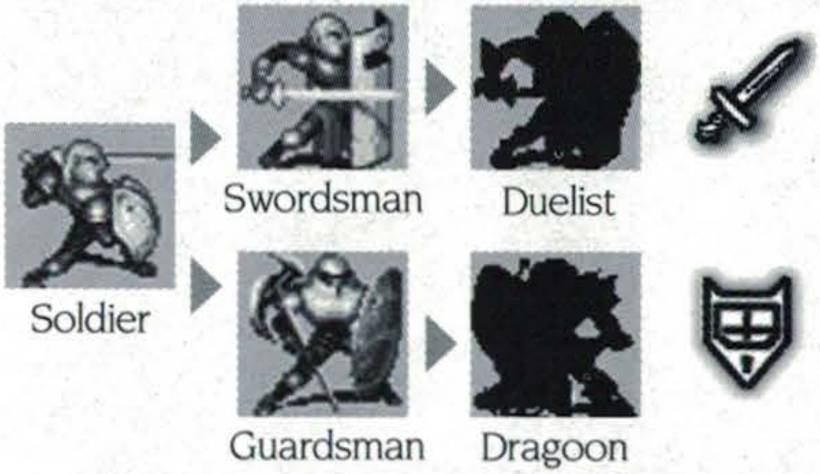
Advancement: After achieving enough experience, your characters can grow in their current class, or advance to new classes. (See TROOP ATTRIBUTES, page 11.)



HERO–A member of the **Knight** class

Hero → Champion → Paragon

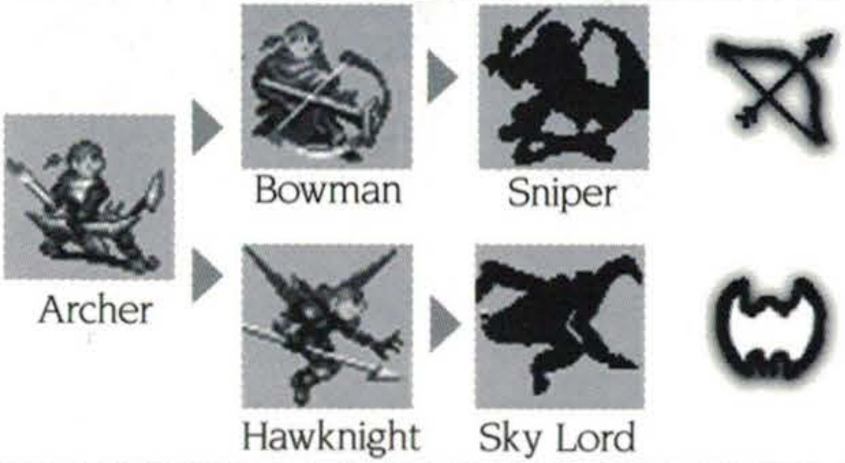
SOLDIER–May choose the **Knight** or **Armor** path of advancement



Soldier → Swordsman → Duelist

Soldier → Guardsman → Dragoon

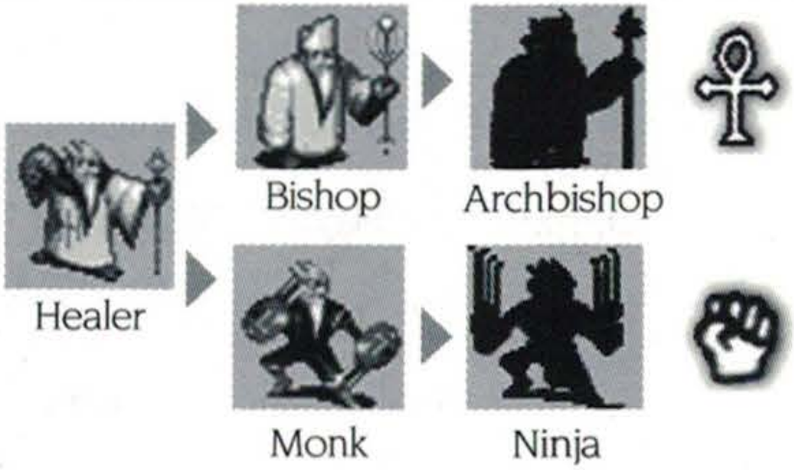
ARCHER–May choose the **Archer** or **Airman** path of advancement



Archer → Bowman → Sniper

Archer → Hawknight → Sky Lord

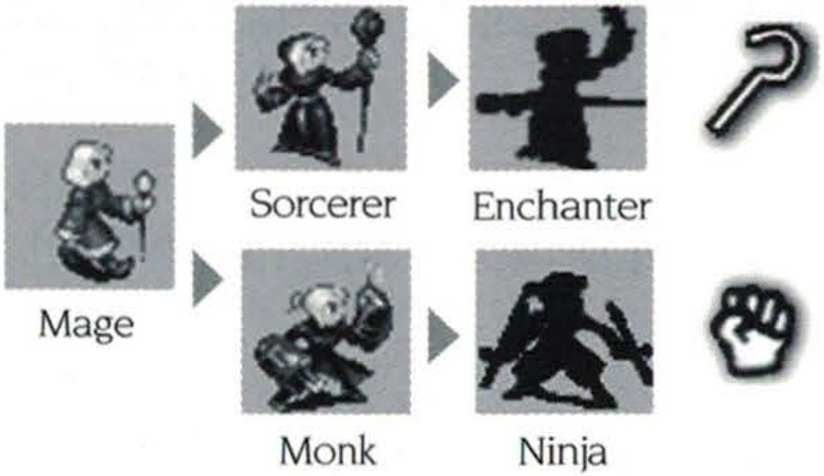
HEALER–May choose the **Healer** or **Monk** path of advancement



Healer → Bishop → Archbishop

Healer → Monk → Ninja

MAGE–May choose the **Mage** or **Monk** path of advancement



Mage → Sorcerer → Enchanter

Mage → Monk → Ninja

Character Status

Character's name, class and current level

Current hit points/Max hit points

Current magic points/Max magic points

Total experience points

Experience points needed to advance to next level

Battle ratings: AT = attack;
DF = defense;
AGL = agility

Items that character currently has equiped

Player Ailments

At various times during the game you may battle poisonous creatures, or do battle with mages who cast harmful spells. These spells may also be learned by your magic users as well, so give your enemies a taste of their own medicine! If a spell is cast successfully, the word PARALYZED or POISONED will appear over a character's head and remain there until the character is cured or dead. If a spell is unsuccessful, the word MISS! appears.

Poisoned

A poisoned character will take damage each turn until they are dead or cured–there is no natural recovery.

• To recover, you can have a magic-user cast an appropriate healing spell, or use a potion.

Paralyzed

A character who is paralyzed will be "frozen" for a few turns. That character cannot attack or defend.

• To recover, you can have a magic-user cast an appropriate healing spell, use a potion, or wait a few turns a recover naturally.

Magic

Every magic spell has a **range** and **field**. Range is the distance from a magic user that the center of a spell can be located. Field is the area away from center that a spell is effective. For example, a spell with Range: 0 and Field: 0 can only be cast on the magic user.

	HERO		CHAMPION	
Spell Name	Faerie Light	Ice Storm	Rolling Fire	Faerie Star
Effect	HP Recovery	Attack	Attack	HP Recovery
Range	0	1	2	2
Field	0	0	1	0
Level obtained	1	8	14	?
MP consumed	2	4	8	5

	PARAGON	MAGE		
Spell Name	Delta Mirage	Dark Star	Spellbind	Piercing Ray
Effect	Attack	Attack	Paralyzing Attack	Attack
Range	0	4	5	4
Field	3	0	0	1
Level obtained	?	1	8	10
MP consumed	7	2	2	4

	SORCERER			
Spell Name	Envenom	Phase Shift	Roman Fire	Poison Cloud
Effect	Poison Attack	Attack	Attack	Poison Attack
Range	5	0	5	5
Field	0	7	2	2
Level obtained	12	14	?	?
MP consumed	3	12	6	4

	ENCHANTER			HEALER
Spell Name	Spread Force	Avalanche	Salamander	Healing
Effect	Attack	Attack	Attack	HP Recovery
Range	0	6	0	4
Field	3	0	10	0
Level obtained	?	?	?	1
MP consumed	7	9	14	3

	HEALER		BISHOP	
Spell Name	Mystic Shield	Cure	Healing Plus	Bless Weapon
Effect	↑ DEF (1 turn)	Condition recovery	HP Recovery	↑ ATK (1 turn)
Range	4	4	4	4
Field	0	0	1	0
Level obtained	8	10	12	13
MP consumed	3	2	4	3

	BISHOP		ARCHBISHOP	
Spell Name	Holy Lightning	Ultra Healing	Magic Charge	Holy Pressure
Effect	Attack	HP Recovery	Share MP with Ally	Attack
Range	4	5	4	5
Field	0	2	0	1
Level obtained	15	?	?	?
MP consumed	7	5	10	7

	ARCHBISHOP	MONK		
Spell Name	Supreme Healing	Stone Shower	Cure Wide	Healing Circle
Effect	HP Recovery	Attack	Condition recovery	HP Recovery
Range	∞	0	0	0
Field	∞	1	1	1
Level obtained	?	12	15	?
MP consumed	30	10	4	6

	MONK	NINJA		
Spell Name	Perfect Guide	Thunder Flash	Healing Wave	Mystic Energy
Effect	Completely defend one physical attack	Attack	HP Recovery	↑ ATK & DEF (1 turn)
Range	4	0	0	4
Field	0	2	2	0
Level obtained	?	?	?	?
MP consumed	15	12	10	15

Items

A character can carry up to two items. Additional items can be carried in your "depot" and accessed in the World Map or Village/Town Map. Items are obtained by purchasing them in shops or finding them in treasure chests during combat.

❶ ❷ ❸ ❹ ❺ ❻ ❼ ❽ ❾ ❿

❶ Herb and Mega Herb: Recover some Hit Points (HP).

❷ Mage Oil: Recover 4 Magic Points (MP).

❸ Mage Gem: Recover 10 MP.

❹ Elixer: Cures poison and paralysis.

❺ Holy H_2O: Recover HP for all characters in your party.

❻ Life Orb: Recover all HP and MP.

❼ Fire Gem: Attack magic with Range = 3, Field = 1

❽ Mood Ring: Attack magic with Range = 0, Field = 2

❾ Aura Gem: Attack magic with Range=5, Field=3

❿ Wyrm Fang: Attack magic with Range = 0, Field = 8

Topography

The Battle Maps are made up of different types of terrain. Every character type has a mobility rating which determines how far they can MOVE in one turn. For example, walking through bushes or swamps, as you would imagine, requires more effort than walking through flatland. Therefore, a character walking through the brush can't go as far as a character walking through plains.

Defensive bonuses

There is a trade-off, of course. Some terrain features offer defensive bonuses, which are shown in the small box in the lower left corner. You will see a number with a %, which shows your defense benefit against physical attack. In other words, if an enemy attacks you when you are standing in the bushes (15%), you'll receive a 15% bonus against the attack because the bushes are protecting you from attack.

Moving Up and Down Levels

Steeper land requires more effort to climb up and down, so this may shorten the distance you can move in one turn. Most characters move up or down one level at a time, but some can handle two. (Three is out of the question, so keep that in mind when you are moving crates around.)

Major characters

Ash Lambert

The hero of our story.

Eleni

Diego

Clint

Kira

Huxley

Grog

Dolan

Amon

Sara

Arris

Zohar

Dolf

Kane

Darius

Magnus

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